

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 28, 2009. Claims 1-8 are pending.

Claims 1-8 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,427,580. Applicants have submitted a terminal disclaimer with this paper. Accordingly, applicants request that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the currently-pending claims are in condition for allowance and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited. The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or surcharges that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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